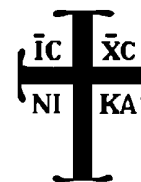




St John the Evangelist

Newsletter



SUNDAY 27 FEBRUARY 2022

EIGHTH SUNDAY, NEXT BEFORE LENT

If you wish to contribute to the next edition of the newsletter, please email office@stjohns-clevedon.org.uk marking your email 'Newsletter Article' by **12 noon Thursdays weekly**.

Church Services (also on-line)

Sunday 27 February – 8TH Sunday, Next before Lent

10.30 Solemn Mass – Fr Brendan Clover

17.30 Said Evening prayer from the BCP

Monday 28 February

18.00 Requiem Mass – Fr Brendan Clover

Tuesday 1 March – St David

10.00 Mass – Revd Prebendary John Andrews

17.30 Evening Prayer followed by Confessions

Wednesday 2 March – Ash Wednesday

10.00 Mass with Imposition of Ashes –
Revd Prebendary John Andrews

19.30 Solemn Mass with Imposition of Ashes –
Fr Brendan Clover

Thursday 3 March

12.30 Mass – Fr Brendan Clover

Friday 4 March

10.00 Mass from the BCP – Fr Brendan Clover

Saturday 5 March

10.00 Mass – Fr Brendan Clover

Sunday 6 March – Lent 1

10.30 Solemn Mass – Fr Brendan Clover

17.30 Talk, Devotion and Benediction

The Mass readings for this Sunday:

Ecclesiasticus 27:4-7 (Reader: Gary)

Psalm 92

R: It is good to give you thanks, O Lord

1 Corinthians 15:54-58 (Reader: Sandra)

St Luke 6:39-49

Intercessor – Celia

Words from Fr Brendan Clover

Lent may originally have followed Epiphany, just as Jesus' sojourn in the wilderness followed immediately on his baptism, but it soon became firmly attached to Easter, as the principal occasion for baptism and for the reconciliation of those who had been excluded from the Church's fellowship for apostasy or serious faults. This history explains the characteristic notes of Lent – self-examination, penitence, self-denial, study, and preparation for Easter, to which almsgiving has traditionally been added.

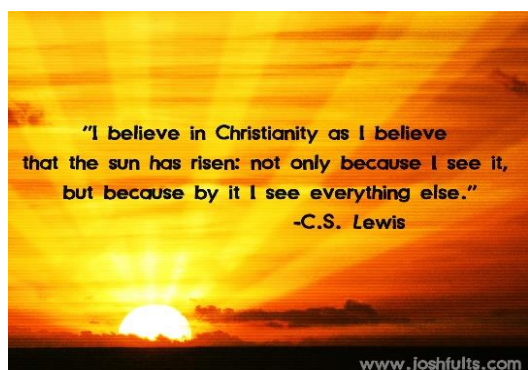
Now is the healing time decreed
for sins of heart and word and deed,
when we in humble fear record
the wrong that we have done the Lord.

(Latin, before 12th century)

As the candidates for baptism were instructed in Christian faith, and as penitents prepared themselves, through fasting and penance, to be readmitted to communion, the whole Christian community was invited to join them in the process of study and repentance, the extension of which over forty days would remind them of the forty days that Jesus spent in the wilderness, being tested by Satan.

Ashes are an ancient sign of penitence; from the middle ages it became the custom to begin Lent by being marked in ash with the sign of the cross. The calculation of the forty days has varied considerably in Christian history. It is now usual in the West to count them continuously to the end of Holy Week (not including Sundays), so beginning Lent on the sixth Wednesday before Easter, Ash Wednesday. Liturgical dress is the simplest possible. Churches are kept bare of flowers and

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decoration. *Gloria in excelsis* is not used.

The Fourth Sunday of Lent (*Laetare* or Refreshment Sunday) was allowed as a day of relief from the rigour of Lent, and the Feast of the Annunciation almost always falls in Lent; these breaks from austerity are the background to the modern observance of Mothering Sunday on the Fourth Sunday of Lent.

As Holy Week approaches, the atmosphere of the season darkens; the readings begin to anticipate the story of Christ's suffering and death, and the reading of the Passion Narrative gave to the Fifth Sunday its name of Passion Sunday. There are many devotional exercises which may be used in Lent and Holy Week outside the set liturgy. The Stations of the Cross, made popular in the West by the Franciscans after they were granted custody of the Christian sites in the Holy Land, are the best known. We will walk the Stations after Mass each Tuesday and Saturday, and Palm Sunday evening.

So have a happy and holy Lent!

Fr Brendan

RECOMMENDED LENT READING

Entering the Twofold Mystery by Eric Varden

Erik Varden became Bishop of Trondheim in his native Norway on 2019. This, his second book, is a meditation on the religious life, on the life of Christ, and the call to live in community.

The Archbishop of Canterbury's Lent Book this year is

Embracing Justice by Isabelle Hamley. Isabelle is the Archbishop's former chaplain, now theological adviser to the House of Bishops. Her knowledge as an Old Testament scholar shines forth in the first three chapters on Genesis, Exodus and liberation. The remaining chapters deal with the Incarnation, the Crucifixion and Holy Communion.

in **The Way of the Franciscans - A Prayer Journey through Lent** Daniel Horan offers insights from Franciscans across the ages. There are questions for reflection or discussion.

Richard Harries, former Bishop of Oxford, offers us **Hearing God in poetry - Fifty poems for Lent and Easter**. Each chapter is a poem and a short reflection on the poet, poem and some gentle theology.

Henry Martin is a retired prison chaplain retired to France where he devotes his time to writing, painting, his husband and their dog. **Vincent van Gogh and the Good Samaritan** recalls Henri Nouwen's classic on the prodigal son.

SUNDAY EVENINGS IN LENT

Beginning on Sunday 6 March a series entitled 'Talk, Devotion, and Benediction - an opportunity for all to engage with the Festival Icons' at 5.30 pm in Church.

On Palm Sunday there will be Stations of the Cross and Benediction

LENT LUNCHES



Please join us for a frugal bread and soup lunch every Thursday during Lent. Lunch will be in the Vicarage immediately after the 12.30 Mass. All donations will be given to the Clevedon Food Bank. Everyone is welcome.

PRAYER DIARY

Please include the following in your daily intercessions:-

Sunday 27 February
Monday 28 February
Tuesday 1 March
Wednesday 2 March
Thursday 3 March
Friday 4 March
Saturday 5 March

Sunday 6 March

Our Church and parish and this week we pray for the residents of Homeground
Bishops and Priests preparing to guide us through Lent
St David, the people of Wales, and Charles, Prince of Wales
The hope and intention of a holy and blessed Lent
The hungry and malnourished
The homeless and lonely
Our Lady of Walsingham, the Shrine and parish church of St Mary's, Walsingham,
their priest, Fr Harry and St John's Walsingham cell
Our church and parish, and the residents of Yeoward Road

IMPORTANT NOTICE!

The PCC strategy day some time ago identified the need for a Parish Administrator to help us as a growing parish.

This is now offered as a voluntary position that attracts an annual Honorarium payment, with flexible, agreed, hours responding to current needs.

The post holder will need to be computer literate and personable.

We hope to create an office in the vestry of the church, but it may be necessary initially to work from home or in the Vicarage. Is this you?

Please have a word with Fr Brendan if you are interested and he will share the job description.

This position is currently advertised within the parish community and shortly more widely.

Website

Please log into our website with as much frequency as you are able in order to bring it up the Google ratings...

It is <https://www.stjohns-clevedon.org.uk/>

The website is a dynamic tool, so please send any comments, criticisms or ideas to Fr Brendan at parishpriest@stjohns-clevedon.org.uk

Sick List

If you need to let the clergy know of anyone who is unwell and/or is needing pastoral care, please email office@stjohns-clevedon.org.uk or mention this to David or Betty, our Sickness Points of Contact (SPOC's), after the service outside of the church building. Any requests will be passed on to Fr Brendan and names will be added to the sick list.



Ticket holders - DON'T FORGET the fish and chip supper on Saturday evening at 6.30 pm in the Church Hall.
Please remember that drinks will **not be served, so bring your own!**

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

(All subject to there being no changes in Covid restrictions)

Sunday 27 February
Last before Lent
Sunday 27 March
Mothering Sunday

THIS WEEK!

Celebration Sunday – cakes and wine in Church after Mass

A Rose Reception in the Church Hall

All things pink, plus cream scones with strawberries and cakes
 Easter Egg Hunt and Pop up Café in the Church
 (details to follow)

Tuesday 12 April and Wednesday 13 April

Sunday 17 April
Easter Day

Celebration Sunday – cakes and wine in the Vicarage after Mass

Friday 6 May
St John's Patronal Festival

Festival Mass at 19.30: Revd. Canon Peter Newby, Canon of Westminster Cathedral will be our preacher

Saturday 7 May

Lunch Time Concert
 and Parish Dinner

Sunday 5 June
HM the Queen's Platinum Jubilee

Parish Picnic in the Church grounds

Sunday 26 June

Celebration Sunday – cakes and wine in Church after Mass

Sunday 24 July

Celebration Sunday – cakes and wine in Church after Mass

Sunday 21 August

Celebration Sunday – cakes and wine in Church after Mass



"Wind-powered wings for transportation, solar-powered halos for light...why aren't they using this technology back on Earth?"

ADVANCE NOTICE

Betty will be taking orders
 for her famed Easter
 Biscuits
 soon.

More details, including
 the price, will follow.



Chat and Craft Group continues to meet every Thursday afternoon in the Church Hall between 2 and 4pm. Bring your own project along to work on, and chat to fellow crafters. Normally we have the kettle on, but while the electrics in the church hall are being worked on please bring your own drink. I will bring biscuits. For more information talk to Sue at church or ring on 01275 877710.

Fund Raise as You Shop

We have registered St John's with easy fundraising, which means you can raise FREE donations for us every time you shop online. Over 4,000 shops and sites will donate to us when you use easy fundraising to shop with them – at no extra cost to yourself!

Although you may only raise a few pence with every purchase, these donations really mount up and make a BIG difference to us, so we'd really appreciate it if you could take a moment to sign up and support us. It's completely FREE and only takes a moment.

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/stjohntheevangelistclevedon/>

Save the date!

Nailsea Choral Society's next concert will be a performance of **Stainer's Crucifixion** to be held on **Saturday 26 March at 7.30 pm** in Nailsea Methodist Church. This piece will be performed by the choir, organ and professional soloists.

Tickets cost £6.00/£12.00.

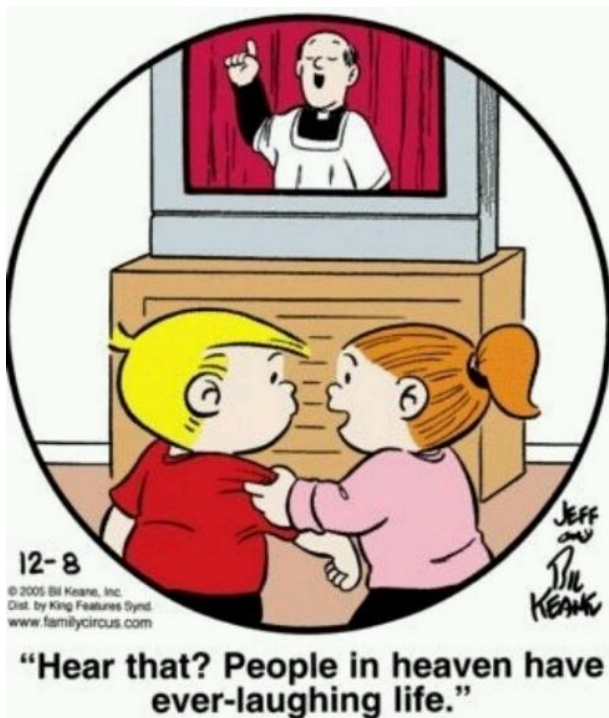
Further information will be available on the Society's website soon www.nailseachoral.org.uk and Facebook page: Nailsea Choral Society.



Answers to Celia's Quiz

DID YOU KNOW - - - - ?

1. Poets' Walk
2. Lollards
3. Manilla
4. Two
5. Rachel (Jacob's 2nd wife)
6. Colossus of Rhodes
7. October
8. Taming Of the Shrew
9. Eyeball
10. 1951
11. Rabbit
12. Loose Women
13. 2nd best bed
14. 2004
15. Taiwan and China
16. Anthony Trollope



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- a: Wound active despite dressing; Bleadon
- b: Opposite Northward direction; Southway
- c: Typo for what is on your chips? Binegar
- d: Fly your Kite here opposite Southern residence; Norton Hawkfield



The Vicarage Telephone Number is 01275 879617

On-line Giving

Here is the link to our on line facility:

<https://givealittle.co/campaigns/b8e3af98-2c05-4dfb-bd27-570f15c91a21> this link has been added to our Website, our Church Near You page and all our YouTube and other online offerings including social media. Please feel free to share it with all your friends to help with the ongoing good work of our Parish and the exciting outreach plans for our near future (not to mention the maintenance of our beautiful building and Hall!!) The QR code appears further on in this newsletter.

07940759891 or email her at churchwarden@stjohns-clevedon.org.uk
Nick's email address is churchwarden2@stjohns-clevedon.org.uk Thank you.

If you have any safeguarding questions or issues please email parishsafeguardingofficer@stjohns-clevedon.org.uk

Please follow us on our website at: <https://www.stjohns-clevedon.org.uk/> or at
www.achurchnearyou.com/church/111185/ or on YouTube 'St John's Clevedon' or on Facebook: St John the Evangelist
Church, Clevedon or join our WhatsApp group.

For those a bit more technically minded, here is the QR code for our online giving. Simply scan the code with your smartphone QR scanner and be magically directed to our 'givealittle' page.



St John's Children's Club

Sunday 27 February 2022 – Sunday Next before Lent

Bible reading: Exodus 34:29-35 (Luke 9: 28-36)

Questions

Have you met someone whose faith stands out?
Read 2 Corinthians 3: 7 & 13. Why did Moses put the veil over his face?
Do you ever see this sort of shining in people's faces today?

Prayer suggestion

Ask God to reveal himself to you.

*Jesus, you are the Light of the World
When we know you,
You bring brightness and hope to our lives.
We know that you are God's Son
And we love you
Amen.*

This week's challenge

Pray that God will reveal himself to one of your non-Christian friends

Activity suggestions

- Activity sheet for Sunday before Lent
- Puzzles, word searches and colouring in the Young Church Mag (YCM) for this week based on Luke 9: 28-36

If you do not have access to a printer and would like the activity sheets printed out and delivered to you, please contact me (Fiona) and I'll arrange for you to receive copies.

Good Luck from St. John's Sunday Club Team (Sue & Fiona)